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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An oral composition comprising at least one NSAID, thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol,

wherein said at least one NSAID is selected from the group consisting of salicylic acid derivatives, para-aminophenol derivatives, indole and indene acetic acids, heteroaryl acetic acids, propionic acid derivatives, enolic acids, alkanones, apazone and nimesulide, and

wherein said salicylic acid derivative is selected from the group consisting of salicylic acid, acetylsalicylic acid, diflunisal, salsalate, olsalazine and sulfasalazine, and

wherein said thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol are present in said composition in synergistically effective amounts.

- 2. (original) The oral composition of claim 1, wherein said at least one NSAID, thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol are present in said composition in synergistically effective amounts.
- 3. (original) The oral composition of claim 1, comprising: about 0.001 to about 2.0 wt. % of said at least one NSAID; about 0.02 to about 0.1 wt. % thymol; about 0.03 to about 0.08 wt. % methyl salicylate; about 0.03 to about 0.06 wt. % menthol; and about 0.07 to about 0.11 wt. % eucalyptol.
- 4. (original) The oral composition of claim 3, further comprising: about 0.1 to about 0.2 wt. % benzoic acid; about 20 to about 55 wt. % of at least one sugar alcohol
- 5. (original) The oral composition of claim 4, wherein said sugar alcohol is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, xylitol, mannitol, maltitol, hydrogenated starch hydrolsate, and

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mixtures thereof.

- 6. (original) The oral composition of claim 4, wherein said sugar alcohol is sorbitol.
- 7. (original) The oral composition of claim 4, further comprising a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, non-ionic and cationic surfactants.
- 8. (original) The oral composition of claim 7, wherein said surfactant is a non-ionic surfactant.
- 9. (original) The oral composition of claim 8, wherein said surfactant is a poloxamer.
- 10. (currently amended) An oral composition comprising at least one NSAID, thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol,

wherein said at least one NSAID comprises a propionic acid derivative, and

wherein said thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol are present in said

composition in synergistically effective amounts.

- 11. (cancelled)
- 12. (new) An oral composition comprising at least one NSAID, thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol,

wherein said at least one NSAID is selected from the group consisting of salicylic acid derivatives, para-aminophenol derivatives, indole and indene acetic acids, heteroaryl acetic acids, propionic acid derivatives, enolic acids, alkanones, apazone and nimesulide,

wherein said salicylic acid derivative is selected from the group consisting of salicylic acid, acetylsalicylic acid, diflunisal, salsalate, olsalazine and sulfasalazine, and

wherein said thymol, methyl salicylate, menthol and eucalyptol are present in said composition in amounts effective against inflammation.

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(new) The oral composition of claim 12, wherein said at least one NSAID comprises 13. acetaminophen.